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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 8, 1879.

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.

Supt. Mint-Us. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a copy of a letter received from Hon A. C. Harmer stating that the Second National Bank of Philadelphia has become the owner of a number of porcelain refining pots in consequence of financial embarrassment of the manufacturer, and now offers the same to the Government at fifty (\$50) dollars each.

These porcelain pots are known as the "Remmey pots" a number of which were manufactured for your Mint and also for the Mint at San Francisco. As you are



doubtless aware great difficulty has been experienced in procuring suitable porcelain pots for refining by the Nitric Acid process. The manufacturer in Germany from whom they were formerly obtained declining to make any more of the required size, Mr. Remmey of your City undertook to make this style of pots and stated that he had adapted his works especially to their manufacture.

From the letters of the Superintendent and Melter and Refiner of the Mint at San Francisco - copies of which are herewith enclosed - it appears that the pots sent to that Mint were of very inferior quality and many of them unfit for use. Professor Booth can testify to the quality of those in use in your Mint.



Should more porcelain refining pots be required by your Refinery it might be well, in view of the difficulty of procuring them elsewhere, to consider the propriety of purchasing a few of those now offered, and I therefore have to request that you will furnish me with a report from your Melter and Refiner upon the quality of the Remmey pots in use by him and their adaptability for the purposes of refining, and also state whether you will probably require, in the near future, additional supply of pots for the use of your Mint, and how many.

Very respectfully  
Horatio C. Burchard  
Director.



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from the Supt & Melter &  
Refiner of San Francisco  
Mint, reporting their unfit-  
ness for use.

Enclosures, 2.

Report of melter & refiner of this  
mint to be filed with this.

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